



**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), acting under its authority pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 21, section 1; Chapter 92, sections 33, 34B, 35, 35A, 37, 38, 41, 95A; Chapter 132A, sections 7, 7A; and Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2003, and in conformance with M.G.L. Chapter 30A, will hold public hearings regarding the adoption of amendments to 304 CMR 12.00. This regulation, promulgated by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM), a predecessor agency to DCR, relates to state forest and park rules. The amendment of this regulation will occur contemporaneously with the rescission of 350 CMR 2.00 and 350 CMR 12.00 (regulations of the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), a predecessor agency to DCR) relating to the use of reservations and parkways as well as the government and use of the waters of the Charles River Basin, and the adoption of new regulations at 302 CMR 12.00 which will consolidate, define, and comprehensively regulate parks and recreational facilities, and their use by the public, under DCR's care and control.

Five (5) public hearings will be conducted to receive public comment, both oral and written, on the proposed amendment of 304 CMR 12.00. These public hearings will occur in conjunction with public hearings on the rescission of 350 CMR 2.00 and 350 CMR 12.00 and the adoption of new regulations at 302 CMR 12.00. The public hearings will be held as follows:

Lawrence Heritage State Park
One Jackson Street
Lawrence, Massachusetts 01840

Date: November 6, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Myles Standish State Park
The Barn
Cranberry Road
South Carver, Massachusetts

Date: November 7, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Community Rowing, Inc.
20 Nonantum Road
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Date: November 12, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.

DCR – Watershed Division
John Augustus Hall
180 Beaman Street
West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Date: November 14, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.

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Mount Holyoke Range State Park
The Notch Visitors Center
1500 West Street (Rte. 116)
Amherst, Massachusetts 01002

Date: November 21, 2013
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Verbal and written testimony may be presented at the public hearings; however, parties are requested to provide written copies of their testimony. Written comments will be accepted beginning November 4, 2013 until 5:00 p.m. E.S.T. on Friday, December 6, 2013. Please submit written comments to Laura Dietz via mail to Department of Conservation and Recreation, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114, or electronically to regs.comments@state.ma.us.

You may request a copy of the proposed amended regulation from Barbara Black by calling 617-626-1401, or by submitting an electronic request to barbara.black@state.ma.us. Also, the proposed amended regulation will be available on DCR's website.

By order of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.
John P. Murray, Commissioner

September, 2013